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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk and Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE:

- Docket No. 2007-3-E
- Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, ("Duke Energy Carolinas") Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs
- REQUEST FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE* OF LARA SIMMONS NICHOLS, ESQUIRE

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Duke Energy Carolinas, through counsel, hereby requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") approve Ms. Nichols admission, *pro hac vice*, to practice before the Commission in the above referenced matter and docket.

Please note the June 19, 2007 correspondence of Gail B. Watts, Esquire, addressed to and filed with this Commission on June 21, 2007, wherein Ms. Watts indicates that the South Carolina Supreme Court has received the verified application of Ms. Nichols and that the appropriate fee was paid to the South Carolina Supreme Court. (Copy of verified application attached for your ready reference)

Also please note that the undersigned has discussed this matter with C. Lessie Hammonds, Esquire, as counsel of record for the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), and she indicates that she has no objection to this matter being placed on the hearing agenda and being approved

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## Accordingly, we respectfully request that this matter be placed on the Commission's hearing agenda as soon as possible.

ORS will also be provided with a copy of this correspondence.

With kind regards, we are

Sincerely,

/S/

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